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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 1, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE GUNTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of the mayor of Salinas, California, Joe Gunter.

Mayor Gunter passed on Monday after a quick bout, unfortunately, with cancer.

Mayor Gunter was a true public servant, who truly understood what it means and what it takes to live up to

our obligations as Americans—to give back to his country and community—that gives all of us so much.

Right out of high school, Mayor Gunter joined the Marines where he served and fought in Vietnam. Right out of his service to our country, Mayor Gunter joined the Salinas Police Department where he proudly served and protected for 32 years.

And right out of that service to our community, Mayor Gunter then volunteered at a Women's Crisis Center, in youth sports, for the Salinas Air Show, and the California Rodeo.

But that wasn't enough. Because right out of retirement, Joe then served as mayor of Salinas for the past 8 years. And I can tell you, as Mayor Joe knew well that it really wasn't about the snarkiness of your tweets, it is about making government work for people.

Joe would tell you he wasn't much for politics, but when it came to serving the people of Salinas, Mayor Gunter was the best. Because Joe knew dang well that good governing is good politics.

My prayers are with his wife, Lisa, his children, and his grandchildren. I hope they take comfort knowing that although Joe will be missed, his legacy of service will always endure with the people of this country and the community of Salinas, California.

### SIDNEY AND KINSEY IRRIGATION DISTRICTS SHOULD NOT LOSE POWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, the Sidney and Kinsey Irrigation Districts serve more than 130 family farms that irrigate nearly 12,000 acres of farmland in eastern Montana.

A recent decision by the Bureau of Reclamation has upended 70 years of

how Sidney and Kinsey irrigators have received project use power to pump water.

The change will increase power costs from 2.5 percent of their annual budget to nearly 40 percent.

Losing this power would put these family farmers and companies out of business.

My amendment will fix this issue by restoring the original arrangement that has been in place for 70 years.

I urge support for it.

MONTANA SHOULD BE ABLE TO SELL ITS COAL OVERSEAS

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, Montana should be able to sell its coal overseas.

Washington State is preventing construction of coal export terminals, effectively shutting down exports of Montana coal and unconstitutionally interfering with interstate commerce.

My amendment will continue the Federal permitting process if Washington State remains on its unconstitutional path.

Building a coal port that supports good-paying union jobs in Washington and good-paying jobs across Montana should be a bipartisan winner.

I urge adoption of this amendment.

### TWO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO THE CRISIS AMERICANS ARE FACING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

MR. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the longer I am here the more I question why everything must be so complex. Some, like our transportation bill, are complex because of the massive interrelationships we have, but others we just make complex.

I would offer two simple solutions today to the crisis that we are facing, not just from Black Americans, for justice. First, I would suggest that we remove the dead hand of Richard Nixon

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